

Youth City Council looking for applicants

The Broken Arrow City Council is now accepting applications for its Youth City Council.

The YCC consists of 10 members, 5 seniors and 5 juniors.

Applicants will be appointed by the Broken Arrow City Council from their respected wards through an application process.

To be eligible for selection, students must be:

- A resident of the City of BA
- A junior or senior in high school

- Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and commit to attend at least 75 percent of all meetings
- Open to private, public and home-schooled students
- Fulfill the responsibilities of the office held
- Set a proper example for the youth of Broken Arrow
- Complete an application that includes a 250 word essay on "Why I want to be a Youth City Councilor."

The YCC will begin a series of sessions

this year focused on general government, designed to educate the teens on how city departments operate.

Members will have the opportunity to tour city facilities and meet with representatives from the various departments, including police and fire departments.

For an application, visit www.brokenarrowok.gov.

Questions may be directed to the City Manager's office at 918-259-2400, Ext. 8419.

Annual Main Street event set for Oct. 29

The BA Police Department, along with the Main Street Merchants Association, is sponsoring "Night Out on Crime with Fun and Games on Main" from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Farmers Market, 418 South Main St.

Objectives of the event are to:

Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.

Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships.

Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.

Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts.

This event creates the opportunity for the police department and numerous public service agencies to distribute educational materials to area residents.

Attractions are geared toward family entertainment for children and parents.

The event will feature:

- 2,000 Free hot dogs courtesy of Reasor's on 71st and Lynn Lane
- 2,000 cups of soda, courtesy of Ferguson Pontiac
- 1,000 ice cream sandwiches, courtesy of Bluebell Ice Cream
- Rollover simulator
- BAPD's Special Operations Team, bike patrol, communications, animal control, K-9, crime scene investigator, DIVERT and motorcycles.
- Broken Arrow Fire Department
- Vince and Larry Crash Dummies
- McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog
- Numerous non-profit agencies
- Costume contest
- Pumpkin decorating contest
- Petting zoo hosted by the Main Street Merchants along with Fun and Games on Main.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15

Oct. 9-15 is Fire Prevention week and the Broken Arrow Fire Department offers the following tips to keep you safe.

FAST FACTS ABOUT FIRE

Home Fires

- One home structure fire was reported every 87 seconds in 2009.
- On average, seven people died in home fires every day. Adults 65 and over face the highest risk of fire death.
- In 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to 362,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 12,650 civilian injuries, 2,565 civilian deaths, \$7.6 billion in direct damage.

Smoke Alarms

- Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. About one in five smoke alarm failures was due to dead batteries.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hard wired alarms operated 91 percent of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 75 percent of the time.

Cooking

- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and was tied for the third leading cause of home fire deaths.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading cause of these fires.
- Households using electric ranges have a higher risk of fires than those using gas ranges.
- Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire.
- Nearly half of microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2009 were scalds.

- U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 155,400 cooking-related home fires each year between 2005-09, causing an average of 390 deaths, 4,800 injuries and \$771 million in direct property damage.

Escape Planning

- According to an NFPA survey, less than one-fourth of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half actually practiced it.
- One-third of Americans households who made and estimate they thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in there home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. Only 8 percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out.

Heating

- Fires involving heating equipment peak in December, January and February, as do deaths from these fires. Overall, homes fires and home fire deaths are also more common in the cooler months of the year.
- Heating equipment was the second leading cause of all reported home fires and home fire deaths.
- The leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Half of home heating fire deaths resulted from fires caused by heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.
- U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 64,100 heating-related home fires each year between 2005-2009, causing an average of 560 deaths, 1,620 injuries and \$904 million in direct property damage.

Fall Dump Day set for Oct. 9

Residents will soon have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the city's Fall Clean-Up.

The event will be Saturday, Oct. 9 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

This is the third year the city has offered a fall clean-up day.

"Moving to the landfill last spring saved us a substantial amount of money, which, in turn, allowed us to offer the same service to our residents in

the fall," said Lee Zirk, General Services Director for the city of Broken Arrow.

The location for the event is the Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North. This is easily accessible by traveling North on U.S. Highway 169 to the eastbound exit at 46th St. N.

The entrance to the landfill is approximately one mile East of U.S. Highway 169 on the south

side of 46th St. N.

Residents of Broken Arrow may dump free by presenting a Drivers License with a Broken Arrow address or a recent Broken Arrow utility bill. City employees will be on site to verify residency.

Any household waste can be dropped off except for the following items: Hazardous materials, liquids (such as paint in liquid form, gasoline, used oil,

etc.), batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, untreated medical waste and compressed gas cylinders. Refrigerators/air conditioners/freezers/or Freon containing items will be accepted with the proper documentation that the refrigerant has been properly removed by a licensed CFC technician.

There will be a \$2 fee for each car tire, \$4 fee for each truck tire.

The event will take place rain or shine.

"History of Broken Arrow" documentary receives award

The Oklahoma Museums Association recognized a list of museums in September at its annual conference.

Broken Arrow Historical Society was honored this year for a documentary film the Broken Arrow Historical Museum produced with BOEBOI Photography, "The History of Broken Arrow."

"The Broken Arrow Historical Society has made huge advances in every aspect of its programming and exhibits in recent years, and this documentary is an excellent example," says Executive Director Dr. Betty Gerber.

Historical Society board member Dr. Clarence Oliver has,

for many years, utilized a written script sharing colorful local history with the annual Leadership Broken Arrow training seminar groups.

His presentations have been so well received the Historical Society Board decided to use Oliver's script as the basis for a documentary video of Broken Arrow history.

A year ago, the museum launched the video project by contracting with a videographer and Gerber began adapting the script for use in the documentary project.

She also selected photographs from the museum collection and enlisted 18 local residents to inter-

view for specific areas of expertise or knowledge.

Oliver and Gerber narrate the piece. Most of the historical society's collection of over 1,200 photos appear in the video as they relate to stories being told.

The video project required seven months to complete.

The result is a 90 minute video divided into multiple "chapters" to facilitate classroom use.

Once the project was completed, a community premiere showing of the video was held at Broken Arrow Public Schools Performing Arts Center to a crowd of more than 500 people.

"Since the opening of the

Broken Arrow Historical Society's new museum in 2009, we have hosted art exhibits, an exhibit of tribal art, a photography exhibit, an historical bus tour, several public events, and we have greatly expanded our outreach to the public schools.

This documentary furthers our educational outreach," adds Gerber, "and that is what we are all about."

The historical society offers the documentary for sale in its gift shop at 400 S. Main St.

For more information on the Broken Arrow Historical Society visit www.bahistoricalsociety.com.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCTOBER 15-NOVEMBER 15

Oct. 15 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

918-251-0617, Jo Ann Bierig at 918-251-6786, or e-mail craftshow102211@aol.com.

clowns, ice cream, a Jupiter Jump and more.

Oct. 15 — Fall Dump Day 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North

Oct. 25 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 18 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 27 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 21 — Sam Harris 7:30 p.m., BAPAC, 701 S. Main St. For more information, visit www.thebapac.com.

Oct. 21 — Cirque Mechanics Boom Town 7:30 p.m., BAPAC, 701 S. Main St. For more information, visit www.thebapac.com.

Oct. 22 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Oct. 29 — Fall Carnival and Pumpkin Hunt The Parks and Recreation will hold its annual Fall Carnival 3-5:45 pm. The carnival will be held inside the Central Park Community Center gymnasiums at 1500 S. Main St. The carnival is free to all kids ages 3 – 10 yrs old. Immediately following the carnival will be the Annual Pumpkin Hunt. More than 4,000 orange & multi-colored plastic eggs will be stuffed with candy & prizes and scattered on the fields for children ages 1-7 yrs to hunt. Age groups will be 1-3 yrs (parent assisted), 4 & 5 yrs and 6 & 7 yrs. All age groups will begin the hunt at the same time, in different designated areas.

Nov. 1 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Nov. 3 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Nov. 5 — United Methodist Women's Heart of the Crafter 9 a.m.-4 p.m. First United Methodist Activity Building, 112 E. College St. This is the 18th year for Heart of the Crafter, which has a wide-range of items. For more information, call 918-251-5898.

Nov. 8 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Nov. 10 — Holiday Tea Off The Broken Arrow Main Street Merchants will be open to welcome the public with refreshments and entertainment. Trolley rides and old fashioned horse drawn carriage rides will be available. For more information, visit www.brokenarrowdowntown.com.

Nov. 11 — City offices closed for Veterans Day.

Nov. 15 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

October 22 — 39th Annual ESA Benefit Craft Show 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Oliver Middle School, 3100 W. New Orleans St. Admission: Free. Benefitting local and state charities. Booth space available. For more information, call Nancy Stanley at

October 29 — Main Street Merchants Fun and Games on Main with Night Out Against Crime Free activities, food, safety and crime prevention information,